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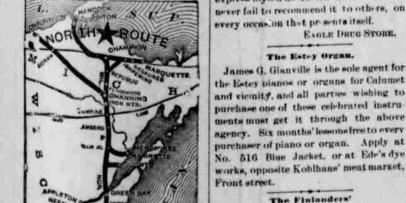
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## Portage Lake News.

Prof. Louis Favour to Be Here on January 28.

The "Deestrick Skule" Play

To a Large Audience at the Houghton Armory-Word Arrives From Dr. Gassar.

Prof. Louis Favour will give the third animher of the Y. M. C. A. course of entertainments at the new ball January 28. The subject of the evening may be called the science of electricity, popularized. The evening will consist of a series of experiments each explained in an interesting rather than technical manner. This s Prof. Favour's aim, to instruct, but to above all interest his audience. The experiments will have a wide range from working models of all the practical uses of electricity to others purely amusing. The whole from its newness and the Fall Goods, mystery with which the subject is viewed by nearly everybody, should make this the most popular number of the course and the hall will doubtless be filled.

The "Deestrick Skule" was given to a neked house at the Houghton Armory Friday evening and the audience was kept in the best of humor throughout the entire evening by the quick succession of funny scenes and jokes. Prof. Duly McCone made a perfect old time schoolmaster and was as much pleased as the andience when one of the drawing class. H. J. Stevens, did an excellent likeness of him on the blackboard and turned it around to the spectators. "Little" John McNamara, six feet six, was an unfailing source of assusement after he was led in by his big sister. Mrs. H. J. Stevens was another star and as a gum chewing school girl was perfect. We understand the house netted the Epworth League of Grace M. E. church nearly \$300.

The Social club has issued invitations for its annual dancing party to be given at St. Patrick's Hall, on the evening of January 24. The committee of arrangements consists of the following members store, near the Postof the club: E. C. Jacques, J. Beahan, Waliam Reutenbuch, James McCauley, F. Lanctot, Eugene Murphy, J. Goulette, L. Slattery and James Simey. The floor commutee will be A. J. Flynn, A. F. lacques, P. Delaney, E. McCauley and Jerry Nagle. Music will be by the Twin City orch-stra.

A very delightful leap year party was given Saturday evening at Pfeiffer's Hall Saturday evening by about twenty-five young indies of Hancock and Houghton. The club orchestra furnished the music and after the dancing light refreshments were served.

To RENT-Five large rooms n the A friend of Dr. Gasser received a letter vidage of Laurium; centrally located. from him Saturday from his home in Switzerland saying that the business that took him there would keep him sevmear to suit you, try "Heimlich's eral months still. This sets at rest the fears of his friends here as to his where-For Sate-A good mileh cow, will

call in about two weeks. For particulars Do not forget the lecture at St. Patapply to Peter Opland, Famarack loca- rick's Hall this evening by Thomas Me-Vengh. The lecture will treat its subject. Ireland, in a new way, being the story of a bievele trip about the historic island. Minute Cough Cure acts quickly, and illustrated by fine stereopticon views.

The case of Patrick Slattery and John it. Ryan vs John J. Rigney has been b-gun in the circuit court. The issue Is over some of the Chicago lots which Mr. Rigney sold in this section some time

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Heary Cappon on Saturday bought out the soloon, the Tiger, in Houghton from his brother Charles and will run it him family and for myself, with results so satseif in the future. isfactory that I can hardly find words to

> We understand that Mr. A. J. Otterson has taken the agency for that popular brand of cigars, the Waverly.

The Misses Ethier, of Calumet, are vis

hop to be given at the Lake Linden Opera

House on the evening of Friday, Febru-

Miss Charlotta Paton entertained a

umber of her young lady and gentlemen

friends at her home last Friday evening.

So ial games, etc., were the evening's

amusements and all report a pleasant

The local society of Junior Temple of

Honor and Temperance will give a social

in the hall of the Harris block on Satur-

day evening. January 25. The Calumet

society has been invited to attend and a

The social dance given by the Golden

Star club at the Opera House last Fri-

all present had a very pleasant time.

The music for the occassion furnished

pleasant evening is anticipated.

### LAKE LINDEN.

James G. Glanville is the sole agent for Postmuster A. A. Guck visited friends the Estey planes or organs for Calumet and vicinity, and all parties wishing to at Calumet vesterday. purchase one of these celebrated instruments must get it through the above iting friends at South Lake Linden for a agency. Six months' lessons free to every purchaser of piano or organ. Apply at No. 516 Blue Jacket, or at Ede's dye The O. M. B. club announce a social

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Mutual Fire Insurance company of Houghton and Keweenaw counties, organized in 1890 according to the laws of the State of Michigan, will insure property of its members. Have paid fire losses over \$3,000 during its existence. The company paid back during the last year to sixty two of its members of five years' standing 68 per cent of their premiums, amounting to \$3,502. Will pay back during this year on the same rate to thirty-six members of five years' standing \$1.447. On the first day of this year the company had 344 members, \$297, 440 worth of property insured, and \$6.594. 11 in trensury. For further particulars apply to the undersigned.

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### TAILOR COSTUMES.

Mired Goods, Rough and Smooth Cloths, Checks and Plaids,

New tweeds, homespubs and thick cloths for cold weather are woven in mixed colors of neutral tints. Some are fleeked, while others are traversed by faint lines while others are traversed by faint lines, indicating large or small checks and plaids. Covert coatings and smooth cloths, with a satin finish are also seen in both neutral and decided colors, as are thick, rough serges. All these fabrics are included in the list of materials intended for general service. Fancy crupons of wood, shot taffeta and hopsacking are much employed for smarter costumes for visiting, etc. Tailor governments. much employed for smarter costumes for visiting, etc. Tailor gowns, universally worn for walking, are composed of any of the goods mentioned and have a plain skirt cut close at the top and flaring around the foot. Some of these plain skirts are finished with stitched tubs or straps of the material laid down either side seam from the waist. The bodice is in the form of an Eton jacket or a coat. The usual coat shape has a short, full basque.

Tailor gowns are generally made with an outside coat to match, so that for cold weather only the addition of furs is neces sary. The coat may be close fitting or may have loose fronts, the latter style have



YOUNG GIRL'S GOWN ing the more fashionable look. A collar of sable or chinchilla is worn over the coat,

with a muff to match. Gayety and extravagance are character istic of this winter's fashions. Delicate colors, easily defaced; delicate fabrics, enduring no hard wear, and flowers and feathers that demand careful consideration compose the fashionable wardrobe. They are charmingly becoming, but also very

Feather mufts are the latest develop-ment, and with them are worn either a fanciful capote or a much beplumed Louis Quinze hat.

The illustration shows a young girl's gown of blue mohair. It has a godet skirt, finished around the foot with a narblouse bodice is gathered at the neck and waist and also down the shoulder seams. Coquilles of plaited black satin are carried down either side of the front, passing be hind the collar. The balloon sleeve is gathered with a black satin ouff.

MEN'S CHARACTERISTICS.

How They Are Dtilized by the Venders of

Daily Newspapers.

Part of the stock in trade of the keepers of newsstands is their memory. Not only can they remember the faces of their customers, but they know at a giance, almost without thinking, what particular paper the customer takes every morning. There is a woman with a newsstand at one of the "L" stations in Harlem who does a rushing business 365 days in the year. She has hundreds of customers, yet she knows each one as he comes along and gets his paper ready to be passed to him.

Let a customer change his paper, and the next day she is ready with two papers, the new one as well as that which he has been in the babit of taking. She holds them both toward him, watching his eye as she does so. Pefore he is aware that he has made his wish known the particular paper he wants is in his hand. She has caught the glance of his eye and knows bether he has decided to go back to his old love or to take up with his choice of

esterday morning. She never makes a mistake. If she should chance to hand a man the wrong paper, it is because he has changed hi mind suddenly, at the very instant, and she has not had time to follow his fickle mentality. On Sunday the man may take several papers. After the first Sunday she has them all bundled up for him as soon as he is in sight, or, if he sends one of his children or a servant, she knows the new-

comer after seeing him or her once, and the papers are ready regularly.

Some regular customers do not always have the money ready, or may be in a hurry to catch the train. It is all one to her. The customer waves his hand in token of his desire for her to "put it on the slate," and she smiles an acquiescence She has scores of little accounts like this but she never writes them down. Her memory is enough. When the time comes for settlement, she can tell the figure with-out hesitation, even if she happens to be serving two or three other people at the same instant. Her mental books always

It was after the morning rush, and she had a little time, the other day, when she was asked how she contrived to remember overy one with whom she did business.

"Oh, it comes natural," she said.
"There is always a little peculiarity about every one, and I fix that peculiarity in my mind, almost without knowing it. One man has a certain kind of walk, another a smile, another a quick, jerky way, another a scowl, and so on. Then there is something about a person's dress that keeps him in your mind. He may not wear the same clothes all the time, but there is something in the way that he purs them on that makes blin distinctive. No two men wear their clothes the same way. You could take a suit of clothes and put them on a dozen different men of exactly the same size, one after the other, and I could pick out each one, if they all wore

"How about women?" "Oh, there is more difference between women than men. But then, you never see two women dressed exactly alike. Women's clothes vary much more than where is electives vary much more than those of men. With men it is just coats and trousers and hats and a cane, and that is all. If it were not for the individual characteristics of men they would be so much alike that no one could tell them apart."—New York Press.

Who en Earth Can This Bet

Among recent visitors to Rome was as American elergyman named Paxton. He accested an Englishman at a botel and explained to him not only the colossal great ness of the United States, but also the po collar distinction of the Rev. Mr. Paxton He said that some of the most noted men in America had been members of his congregation, and he mentioned some names of famous millionaires. The Englishman remarked that Mr. Paxton seemed to have a great attraction for notorious thieves, and the ciergyman smilingly admitted that some of those notable men were a litthat some at those notable men were a lit-tle "warm." Subsequently the English-man learned from some other Americans that all the statements of the Rev. Mr. Parior about himself were accurate, but that he was suspected in America of hay-ing Bocome "worldly." day evening was largely attended and by Hebert's orchestra was first-class and dancing was kept upuntil early morning.

A BONG AT NIGHT.

Through drifting cloud flooce burn the stars (The marking bird is singing); The cattle wand by pasture hors (The mocking bird is singing). Down by the alders alght winds blow,

On swaying grasses dewdrops glow, The rose drops petals soft as snow (The mocking bird is singing). The moonlight sifts o'er mouning pines

The mocking bird is singing).
The gleaming white road sadly winds (The mocking bird is singing)
Around the needow by the mill,
Where ait the noise of day is still
And silent broods the whitpoorwill
(The mocking bird is singing).

The seng of night above day's death (The mocking hird is singing). It needs no words, the thing he saith (The mocking hird is singing) With evermore that minor strain With evermore that minor strain
Blent in the haunting sweet refrain,
Such as hearts sing when taught by pain
(The meeking bird is singing).

—Irene N. McKay in Youth's Companion.

A PRINCESS' RANSOM.

"It is quite certain that they will shoot me, 'said Princess Karoly, look-ing her fellow prisoner squarely in the face. 'My husband will never pay all those francs down for me. He will not think me worth it.'

The cur!" said the Irishman fiercely. The princess laughed softly.

"How do you know that I am worth it?" she asked lightly. "Believe me, Mr Gildea, the world will say my husband is well rid of me. I was going to demand a separation from him in the autumn, and now- Ah, well! A scandal will be prevented, and the best of messieurs les brigands' drugs is that their effect is lasting."
"Lasting indeed?" Gerald Gildea's

eyes laughed back into hers. Then they grew grave again. "I'm glad little Lucy's ransom was so promptly paid." "Are you engaged to her?" the prin-cess asked quickly. "They told me so—

in Ajaccio. "They told you lies in Ajaccio, ma-

dame. Lucy is heart free for me."
"Ohe!" And the princess laughed softly to herself. "And when will they pay your rausom, Mr. Gildea?"
"When yours is paid, madame."
"At the Greek kalends?" The prin-

ress' face was white under her sunburn, but her eyes laughed still. Gildea bent his head gravely. "At the Greek kalends, princess. Did you expect it to be otherwise?'

"I-I-no What need for more lies now, when we are going to die, Ger-"No need at all-now. Do you know, princess, I have never heard your Chris-

"Have you not? It is not a pretty name—Zenobia" "It is an imperious kind of name. It

"You think so? Ah, never mind! How old are you. Gerald? Twenty-five? Neither of us old, and yet neither of us very sorry that we shall have our throats cut in a day or

"Hush! Do not speak of it."

"But I must speak. I am curious. I wonder how it will feel—if it will hurt much. Like your Queen Anne Bullen, I have a little neck. I would rather be shot. I think, but these Corsicans are so ready with their knives. A-ah," and she shuddered a little, "do you believe in paradise and purgatory and all that, Gerald? I was a good Catholic once, but now"-"I believe in everything, princess, al-

though I am a Protestant. "Ah, happy you!" the princess sighed. Have you a mother, Mr. Gildea, or a in Sketch

"Both," Gerald Gildea answered, nd for a moment there came into his blue eyes the shadow of a half conquered pain. It had beset him an hour or two him for one moment with a dumb entreaty in her eyes. She was going back to home and friends, her look seemed to Would not be at least send word to those who loved him of the peril in which he stood? The money would be paid at once, Gerald Gildea knew, but then he must leave behind the princess, she whom her friends called the leveliest and her enemies the worst woman in Russia. It was only death the princess need fear, Gildea knew, too, for he was aware that she had one bosom friend that would help her from any worse fate. And, so thinking, be made

up his mind to abide the end with her. 'Onr jailers are busy playing morra, said the princess, breaking in upon his thoughts. "Shall we play, too, Gerald? You do not know how? Fie! Come shut your eyes and guess how many fin-gers I hold up— Well, what are you thinking of to make you look so grave! A woman? Tell me her name.
"Alice and Honor."

The princess' straight brows met in a "Two women?" she said, with an odd

little laugh. "Are they pretty women, then? Tell me about them. "My mother is lovely, not pretty," Gerald Gildea said gravely.

not pretty either, but she has the pleasantest face in the world.' "You speak as if you were sorry for her," the princess said in an altered

voice. "Is your sister delicate?"
"She is a hopeless cripple. At least she will never be able to walk as long as she lives. But I ought not to have called her hopeless. There never was a merrier creature than my sister Honor.

"And your mother? Her name is Alice, you said. Tell me about her, "My mother-I have nothing to tell

of her, princess. "You said she was lovely. Is she fair or dark like you?" "Dark like me. Darker, I think, Do

not let us speak of my mether, princess. "Ah!" the princess said under her breath. Then she leaned forward and laid her hand on the Irishman's locked fin-"My dear!" she whispered softly hand was taken and held tightry.

'My dear!'
The banditti were still playing morra.

though the moon was well up in the sky, and the losers were cursing in good set terms. But the prisoners were sleep-ing—that is to say, Gerald Gildea was sleeping as soundly as a child, with a the shadow of a great rock was over the princess also, she was wide awake, and not a word of their captors' talk had she lost as she sat cronched in the shadows looking up at the slender sickle of the moon with wide, intent eyes. Presently she put her fingers into her cars to shut but the thoughts would not fall into co-herent shape even then. Something thus

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them say so I wonder if Gerald knows. How can he sleep like that? I am not a coward, yet I could not sleep. Or am I a coward, after all? I hardly know. Oh. me, I know nothing! I have wasted my life. What will Ivan say, I wonder? He can install La Mascotte in my rooms now. And how ill the blue satin will go with her red hair! Perhaps Ivan will be sorry for a little. He was fond of me once. Poor Ivan! I dare say it was more than half my fault that we were so unhappy. I wonder what they will do with us when we are dead. Will they bury us or throw us into the sea? They'll bury us, perhaps, because of the hue and cry. Are they moving over there? I think they are. I wonder I am not more frightened if I am a coward." She closed her eyes for a moment, mur-

muring an incoherent little prayer. "Forgive me-and him-and make us happy somewhere, dear heaven. And make Ivan happy, too, and comfors those two women, Honer and Alice. And because he staid for my sake, do thou lay his death at my door. Amen, amen!

"They will kill us tonight. I heard

Then she opened her eyes and took her fingers from her ears, for, as she said to herself, it did not become a Karoly to die huddled up like a rabbit in a burrow. They were whispering to-gether again, and she listened eagerly.

"They have been drinking," she said to herself, patting her hand to the friend that lay snugly in the bosom of her gown. "What is it they say? Whose beauty do they want to spoil? Please God, mine." Then a wavering footstep came to-

ward her, and a cold fear suddenly stucte the princess, holding her fast so that she could not speak or shriek, though in some occult way she knew that her companion in danger was awake. Gildea rose up on his elbow and waited quietly. In her corner the princess crouched, listening intently. She could hear steps and whispers, and though not a sound came from Gilden she knew that they were about their devil's work. There was a dull silence, and then a very faint moan scarcely more than a sigh, but Princess Karoly heard it and leaped to her feet, thrusting her hand into her bosom. She went straight to the place where he lay, gave one steady look into the blinded eyes, and then, with something like a smile on her lips, drew her hand from her bosom and sent a merciful bullet straight into his heart. Then she dropped on her knees and caught the brown head to her cosom, kissing the marred face with heartbroken kisses and whispering tender words into the ears that could not hear her-tender words that now her husband hears her murmuring in her sleep o' nights. For, five minutes after her bullet had found its billet in Gerald

Gildea's heart, a mule came down the

road from Ajaccio, laden with her ran-

som money. Again fate had been un-

kind to Princess Karoly.-Nora Hopper

Oak and Pine. Theoretically speaking, the oak is the wood which can be put to the greatest variety of uses, but, as a matter of fact, before, when the American girl's ran- the pine is most used on account of its abundance. The timber of the cak which combines in itself the essential elements of strength and durability, bardness and elasticity in a degree which no other tree can boast, has been used as a material for shipbuilding since the time of King Alfred It is also employed in architecture, cubinet making, carving, mill work, coopering and a thousand and one other ways, while the bark is of great value as forgishing tan and yielding a bitter extract in continual de mand for medicinal purposes.

The timber of the pine is also used in iouse and ship carpentry. Common turpentine is extracted from it, and much tar, pitch, resip and lampblack. Splinters of the resinous roots serve the Highlanders instead of candles. make ropes of the inner bark which the Kamchatdales and Laplanders steep in water and utilize for making a coarse The oil obtained from the shoots of

the dwarf pine is a kind of universal medicine among the peasants of Hungary, while the soft grained silver fir is in much requisition for the sounding boards of musical instruments, and the Germans employ it almost exclusively in their vast toy factories. In the manu facture of lucifer matches, and, above all, paper pulp, thousands and tens of thousands of acres of pine forests are cut down every year, and the timber, constituting the chief material of English and American builders, is more

used than all other kinds of wood put

tegether.-London Timber.

Expenses of Traveling Salesmen. The traveling expenses of the com mercial salesmen of the country foot up over \$300,000,000 a year, and their total salaries and commissions probably amount to about \$450,000,000. But these great same, making together \$750,000,000, would not begin to pay for the cost and loss of time that would result were we to return to the old systraveling and visit the wholesalers in person. A good deal of pleasure, how ever, has been lost out of life by the change of methods. The retailer no to enjoy his occasional trips to the great

cities to buy goods, while his daily life on the road is a bore to the drummer. It is generally supposed that small hand and feet constitute a token of blue blood and of ancient lineago. It is a remarkable fact that in the boase of commons in Eng long to people of piebelan birth, where these whose origin has been both nob-and illustrious have the largest and mograceless pedal extramities. Arthur Bai four, Lord Satisbury's nephow, then when it is impossible to find any one more blad bred and artifectually, copays the distinc-tion of wearing the largest and langua-boots in the house, his feetgear being in every way absolute bestle crushers. Julia Burns, the labor hasher, on the contrary has exceedingly small feet. It is also so that the Princess of Wales and har days ters have large feet and exceedingly larg and homely hands.—Philadelphia Times

#### SEALED BY A SHOT.

A SINGULAR INCIDENT OF THE BAT-TLE AROUND ANTIETAM.

Erfon Soldiers Almost Famished For Lack of Water Discover a Spring-A Confed erate Shot Ended the Struggle For the Sparitting Liquid.

From the first peep of dawn Hooker, on the extreme right, having crossed Antictam creek the previous evening, had been pounding the Confederates and getting as good in return, and Mansfield in the center had been seconding Fighting Joe's endeavors with varying success, so that it was fully high noon be-fore Burnside on the left received any intimation that his wing of the army was to have any greater share in the controversy than that of interested auditors. Though there had been some brisk skirmishing in front of the left, all eyes in that quarter were turned toward the center of the stage, and when it was learned that the gallant Mansfield had one down in the conflict there was many a pang of grief, for Mansfield was a hero.

While the troops lay massed by brigade in the open fields and broiling sun between the creek and the low bluff to the east of the bridge, they sought to pre-pare themselves for whatever might come by keeping their canteens filled with water. The creek, so near and yet so far, proved to be a danger line for the occupants of both banks of the stream, for it was almost certain death for either Federals or Confederates to approach the stream, so that Burnside's men spent their time by reliefs in procaring the coveted liquid wheresoever could be found in the rear.

Directly eastward from the famous stone bridge, and immediately to the rear of one of the massed brigades, and scarcely 200 yards distant from the creek, was found by some of the eager scarchers a diadem in the shape of a stream of cool, pure water pouring from the face of a slaty embankment of scarcely more than ten feet in height.

During all the past time that this diminutive stream had been making its egress from the bosom of the earth it had been permitted to spread itself out over the adjoining meadow land or find its way to the creek through the shallow morass that formed at the base of the nsignificant knoll from which it seeped.

Never, perhaps, since the creation did such a small trickle of water jump so suddenly into importance and usefulness as did the one in question, for the practiced eyes of the water famished Yankees, who had learned by their experience on the peninsula to smell water afar, followed up the moistened water course to its source, and, having found the head thereof, it was but a matter of a few minutes till they had a solid stream of the sparkling gem of about one-half inch in diameter pouring through a trough which had been improvised from the bark of a nearby sap-

This improved condition of the little stream, becoming known to all the signal for a general riot, for the stroggle for the privilege of holding the canteen under the spout became so boil place not only a guard, but a cordon, of troops around it to prevent the contending soldiers from murdering each other in their mad endeavor to get just one taste of the coveted prize. A I this, too, in the face of the fact that the Johnnies beyond the creek had opened their batteries and musketry on the columns then moving in the direction of the bridge, and numerous missiles found their way to a disagreeable proximity to the spring. But just as a semblance of order had been restored the word was passed to "fall in," and the life giver was left to itself and for the time gotten, but as the brigade advanced by battalion the soldier could not refrain from casting a backward glance of rethe afternoon sun.

Half an hour later the battle was on in all its fury, and every moment add-ed to the stream of wounded men pour-ing backward out of the line of danger. Those who knew the spring made straightway for it, followed by others, for who of those who ever had the experience can forget for a moment the terrible condition of a wounded soldier with an empty canteen?

If the strife for possession of the spring previous to the advance had been furious, it was now a thousand times worse, for around that bit of moisture surged a maddened, frenzied mass of bleeding humanity in all the conditions of wounds resulting from the fierce battle then raging less than half a mile distant and consequent turmoil. So fierce was the struggle that they destruyed the spout, and the mad and famished men would rush forward if only to get a hand wet.

At this supreme moment a Federal battery took a position on the knoll-immediately above the spring and opened on the enemy. This brought a reply from a Confederate battery on the high ground beyond the creek, and about the first gun from the other side settled the contention as to the value of the little stream, for a solid shot struck the embankment about a foot above the outlet of water, buried itself out of sight and shut off the water as completely as a faucet ever stopped the flow from the the excelient practice of the rebel artillery, some of the suffering soldiers hovered about the spot for a time in the hope that the water would find another ontlet, but such proved a vain dream indeed, as the writer, 30 days thereafter, passing that way, sought a sip of evidence that a stream had ever flowed from the spot to be the dilapidated remains of the improvised bark spout. Pittsburg Dispatch.

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